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Applicants: Siepel et al.

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Serial No.: 09/936,621

Group Art Unit: 1761

Filed: September 11, 2001

Docket: 294-109 PCT/US

For: INGREDIENTS FOR  
EXPANDED FOODS

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**AMENDMENT**

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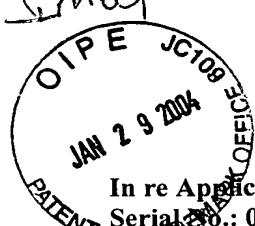
Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified application in response to the October 24, 2003 Office Action.

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Begins on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks:** Begins on page 4.



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In re Application of: Siepel, et al.  
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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x 42=	\$	x 84=	\$
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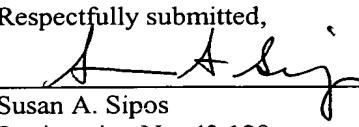
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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